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This report contains the results from the **2010 October Ag Yield** and **Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

**Rice Forecasted Yield Falls, Record Rice Production Still Forecasted**  
**Corn, Rice, Hay, Sorghum, and Soybean Yield Down from 2010 Previous Forecast**  
**Cotton Production Forecast Unchanged from September**

Arkansas **corn** planted area is 390,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from June 2010 and down 40,000 acres from last year. Corn for grain production in Arkansas is forecast at 57 million bushels, down 6 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 150 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month's forecast but up 2 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the third highest yield on record. Producers expect to harvest 380,000 acres of corn for grain, down 7 percent from last month and from 2009. Arkansas **all cotton** production is forecast at 1.2 million 480-pound bales, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but up 41 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,067 pounds per harvested acre, unchanged from last month's forecast, but up 249 pounds from 2009. Harvested area is estimated at 540,000 acres, up 8 percent from 2009. Arkansas **all hay** production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.45 million tons, down 21 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of October 1, 2010, yield is expected to average 1.7 tons per acre, down 0.3 tons from the August 1 forecast and down 0.5 tons from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.44 million acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, up 3 percent from 2009. The 2010 total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 114 million hundredweight (cwt), down 8 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 14 percent from last year's production. Based on conditions as of October 1, the all rice yield for 2010 is forecast at 6,400 pounds per acre, down 530 pounds from the September 1 forecast and down 400 pounds from last year's yield. Producers expect to harvest 1.79 million acres of rice, up 21 percent from 2009. Despite forecasting the lowest yield since 2001, a record setting rice production is forecast. Arkansas **sorghum** planted area is 40,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from June 2010 but unchanged from 2009. Sorghum for grain production in 2010 is forecast at 2.7 million bushels, up 68 percent from the September 1 forecast but down 8 percent from a year ago. This is the smallest sorghum for grain production since 1968. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 77 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from the September 1 forecast and down 2 bushels per acre from last year. Area harvested for grain, at 35,000 acres, is up 75 percent from June 2010 but down 5 percent from 2009. Arkansas **soybean** planted area is estimated at 3.19 million acres, up 40,000 acres from June 2010 but down 7 percent from 2009. Soybean production for Arkansas in 2010 is forecast at 110 million bushels, down 11 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 35 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month's forecast and down 2.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.13 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2009.

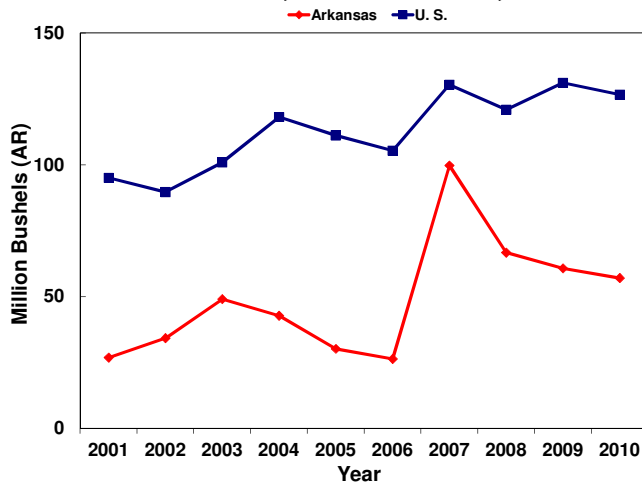
**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production: Arkansas and U.S., 2009 and Forecasted October 1, 2010**

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	410	380	148	150	60,680	57,000
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	500	540	818	1,067	852	1,200
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	1,400	1,440	2.20	1.70	3,080	2,448
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	1,470	1,785	6,800	6,400	99,924	114,240
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	37	35	79	77	2,923	2,695
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,270	3,130	37.5	35	122,625	109,550
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	79,590	81,263	164.7	155.8	13,110,062	12,663,949
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	7,528.7	10,773	777	841	12,187.5	18,872.8
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	38,528	38,924	1.98	2.08	76,412	80,952
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	3,103	3,623	7,085	6,687	219,850	242,260
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	5,520	4,658	69.4	72.4	382,983	337,229
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	76,372	76,823	44.0	44.4	3,359,011	3,408,211

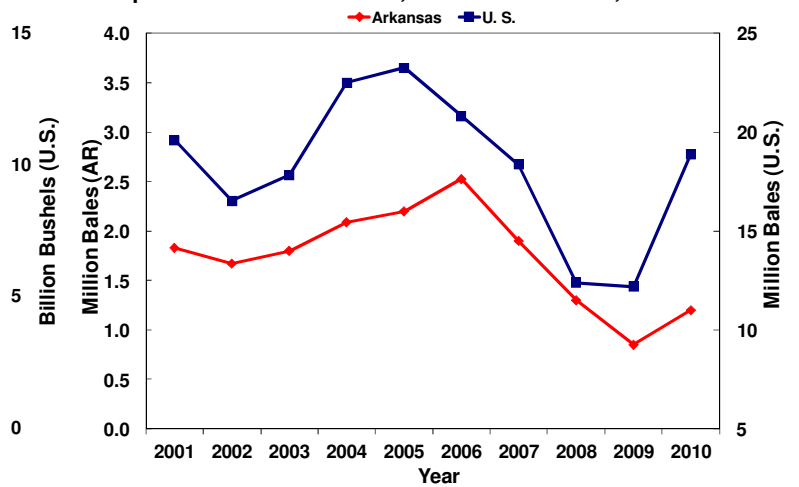
<sup>1</sup> Cotton yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in 480-pound bales.

<sup>2</sup> Rice yield is reported in pounds and production is reported in hundredweight (cwt).

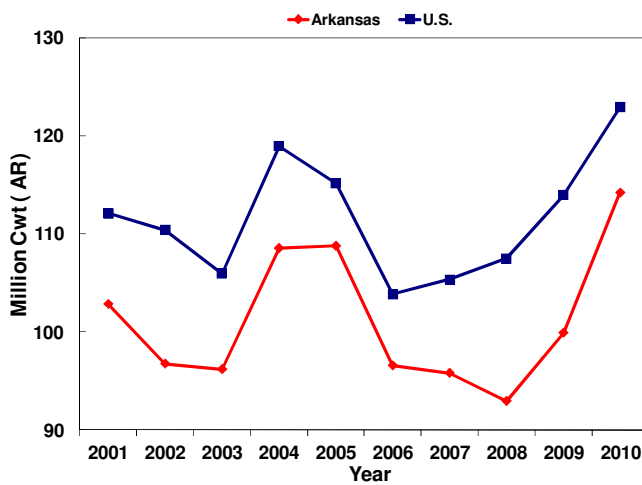
**Corn Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2001-2010<sup>1</sup>**



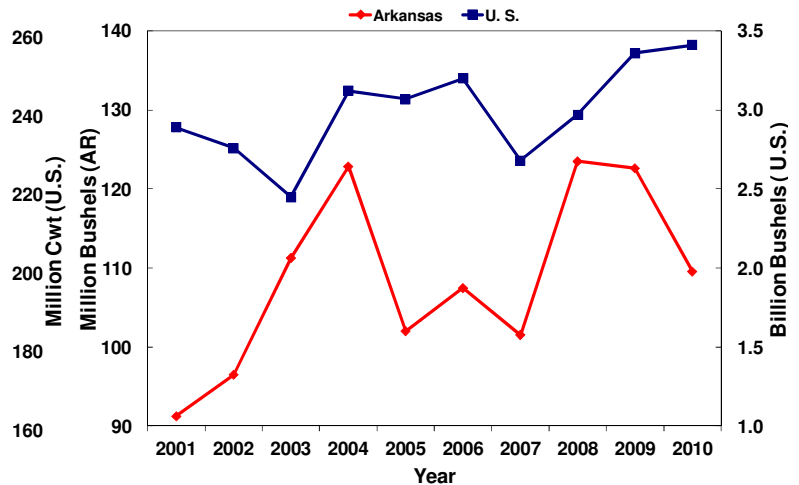
**Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2001-2010<sup>1</sup>**



**Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2001-2010<sup>1</sup>**



**Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2001-2010<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Forecasted production for 2010 as of October 1, 2010.